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Improving community livelihoods; nutrition gardens in Mashonaland East Province

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Background

A few years ago, four couples who had common interest in charity work exchanged ideas on how to help marginalized people in the communities they grew up in. A few months down the line, the couples decided to contribute whatever amount of money they could afford and buy sanitary pads for girls, baby clothes for expecting mothers and foodstuffs for the old and disabled. Driven by ambition to empower the marginalized, MAKCAW was born in February 2014. Its thrust, philosophy, theology, and ideology are philanthropy based. MAKCAW is motivated by humanitarianism with no discrimination against race, creed, religion, culture, and any other differences.

Problem statement

Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare approached MAKCAW citing hunger problem. Absence of nutrition gardens were highlighted among the causes of hunger in Goromonzi District, Mashonaland East. Hence, MAKCAW sought to support households with community nutrition gardens, targeting vulnerable communities, to prevent hunger in women and children. The vulnerable households were selected at ward level by communities. The community leaders were involved in the selection process.

Vision and mission

MAKCAW envisions a better world for mothers and children.

MAKCAW is dedicated to strengthening social, emotional, and economic competencies of vulnerable mothers and children. Independent of political, commercial, military, ethnic or religious objectives, MAKCAW promotes the protection of vulnerable women and children. We aid based on need, regardless of race, creed, and nationality to address the rights of vulnerable groups, particularly women and children.

Governance

Programme Director- Introductory message

As Make Children and Women Count (MAKCAW) Community Based Organization, we continued to review and explore new opportunities and diversified income streams in 2017/2018 Financial year. There were improvements in financial tracking and reporting which has paid off, to show the impact of our interventions. This was due to the challenging work of vibrant members who provided technical guidance and supported programs in Mashonaland East Province, Zimbabwe. The presence of MAKCAW in communities, supporting households with community nutrition gardens provided a good foundation to explore potential partnerships. As an organization, we are committed to seeking opportunities that benefit clients and employees. This will secure the future of the organization over the long term. Our support to communities that are vulnerable led the organization to receive fund from private Companies such as Flytserve and Grandpak Holdings during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We would like to thank all our supporters, our voluntary members, and our team of staff, all of whom have stayed committed to their work and the Mission and values of MAKCAW. Despite the significant macro-economic challenges, staff and voluntary members have shown great resilience through this process. We are redoubling the commitment to work with vulnerable mothers and

children, for they are the back born of the economy. The organization will move from being a Community Based Organization (CBO) to be a PVO.

MAKCAW follows a set of Programming Principles in emergency, rehabilitation, and long-term development work. MAKCAW's principles include:

- Stewardship
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Viability
- Integrity and,
- Accounting standards

Finance Director-Message

The Organization's Financial performance in 2018 was solid with the set revenue target of \$20,000.00(USD) being surpassed. The organization was able to secure funds of \$25,000 USD to fund various projects and programs mainly the Nutrition garden program. Consequently, the net program funding of the organization increased by \$4,000 USD (22%) from the 2017 financial resource base. The 22% increase in Program Funding is primarily driven by endowment returns, donor confidence and gifts from the Donor community and other Stakeholders. In 2019 crucial steps have being achieved in terms of growing the revenue base, Accountability and Transparency through the appointment of External Auditors as the organization has considerably grown from C.B.O to a more formal organization (a PVO). The ultimate Financial goal in 2019 and beyond is to increase the revenue base so as to be able to fulfill the various objectives of the organization in supporting the underprivileged communities in terms of empowering them, in 2019 specifically to secure funding to be able to increase support from 150 households to 250 households which requires a 60% growth in the revenue base to around \$40,000 USD, whilst maintaining accountability, transparency and maintaining operational efficiency. In addition to development programming, the organization intends to mobilize funds for emergency assistance.

Human resources

Technical support for MAKCAW activities are led by the Programme director, national coordinator and 3 field officers. 6 volunteers also supported programme activities. Volunteers were supported with transport costs.

Aim

To support nutrition garden activities to improve livelihoods and food security at household level, in Goromozi district, Mashonaland East Province.

Objectives

- To supply horticultural crops to vulnerable households in Goromonzi, restoring food security for children and families at risk.
- To support means of production of horticultural products, utilizing organic manure and fertilizers.
- To provide technical support among selected households through training on strengthening of nutrition gardens.

Targets for 2019

- To continue supporting nutrition gardens programmes in Mashonaland East Province, scaling up from 150 households to 250 households.
- To venture into humanitarian work.

Development programs: Monitoring and Evaluation of Programme Activities

Progress Indicators	Target Goals	Source of info/ Method of Verification	Information Collection		Achievement
			Person Responsible	Frequency	
1.1 Number of households reached with Nutrition Garden inputs.	150 households (HH)	Purchase orders, field reports and goods received registers, commodity distribution reports.	Field monitor	Monthly	150 HH
1.2 Number of people reached with community nutrition intervention gardens by household level.	750 people	Field reports	Field monitor	Monthly	720 people
1.3 Number of community level trainings conducted on benefits of nutrition gardens	4 trainings	Training reports	Project Officer	Bi-annual	4 trainings 120 community members.
1.4 Number of people reached key messages on nutrition value of horticultural crops.	750 people	Monthly reports	Field monitor and project officer	Monthly	800 people

Treasury Report

Treasurer's Report- Financial Position as at 30 September 2018

The statement of movement in funds since last year (The year ended 30 September 2017) is set out below, together with a breakdown showing the movement in amounts attributable to the organisation.

YEAR	FUNDS ACCOUNT(USD)	TOTAL	MOVEMENT/(OUT FLOWS)
Opening Balance	-	-	-
During the Year ended 30 September 2018	\$24,955.00		(\$22,255.47)

The organisation's funds increased by 22% from USD \$18,233.56 in the previous year ended 30 September 2017. This was largely the result of increase in Donor Funding participation. A strict adherence to the 2018 Budget was maintained. There are no issues or concerns to report at this stage.

Acknowledgements of donors

We acknowledge the support of funds received from Flytserve holdings, well-wishers and volunteers for supporting work by MAKCAW. We collaborated with the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, and the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement, Mashonaland East Province. The community leaders and community members were key during implementation of nutrition garden community programmes.